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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

A substitute specification and a marked-up copy of the English translation of the originally filed PCT application are attached hereto.

Please replace the Title of the Invention originally filed with the above-identified PCT patent application with the following new Title:

DISCHARGE ELECTRODE CLAD MATERIAL AND DISCHARGE ELECTRODE

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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure originally filed with the above-identified patent application with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A discharge electrode material is provided, which enable to form a discharge electrode having a service life and discharge characteristics equivalent to those of a discharge electrode mainly composed of Nb and having excellent weldability to a support conductor, and enables to reduce material costs. The discharge electrode clad material according to the present invention includes a base layer composed of pure Ni, a Ni-based alloy mainly comprising Ni or a stainless steel, and a surface layer bonded to the base layer and composed of pure Nb or a Nb-based alloy mainly comprising Nb. The clad material preferably further includes an intermediate layer provided between the base layer and the surface layer and composed of a stainless steel. The base layer may have a strip-like shape, and the surface layer may be disposed only on a middle portion of the base layer.